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To Prospective Vendors of RI Saltwater Recreational Fishing Licenses:

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Division of Fish & Wildlife, Marine Fisheries Program (the "Division") is offering to enter into contracts of five years duration with any facility that wishes to engage in the sale of Rhode Island Saltwater Recreational Fishing Licenses. Pursuant to this offer, facilities may apply to the Division for the loan of a computer and printer, owned by the State of Rhode Island, to be used at the facility for the sale of licenses. Requests from facilities that meet the requirements for participation into this contract agreement will be granted as long as resources are still available.

The computer and printer would be made available for use by each facility while operating in compliance with a vendor contract to be executed prior to receipt of the equipment. There are no costs associated with the loan of the computer and printer, per se, although vendors will be responsible for supplying any required expendables, such as ordinary 8 1/2 x 11 paper and ink supplies, and for covering the costs of internet service. The contractual obligation on the part of the facility would include: 1) Full participation as a license vendor, pursuant to a subscriber agreement with the DEM-selected provider of the Web-based services (currently RI Interactive); and 2) As a component of the subscriber agreement, payment of an annual fee (currently \$75) as outlined in the subscriber agreement.

Pursuant to the execution of the subscriber agreement with RI Interactive, vendors who remain in good standing with the DEM and RI Interactive would be authorized to retain two dollars (\$2) for every fee-based license sold by the facility. Participating vendors may reap additional business benefits as a result of being promoted by the Division and RI Interactive as authorized vendors of Rhode Island Saltwater Recreational Fishing Licenses, thereby helping to secure or expand customer bases.

If your facility is interested in participating in this offer, send a letter of interest to: **RIDEM – DFW, Saltwater Recreational Fishing License Program, 3 Ft. Wetherill Rd., Jamestown, RI 02835**. You may also contact John Lake, DFW, at John.Lake@dem.ri.gov (401-423-1942).

For information regarding the Rhode Island Interactive subscriber agreement, contact: Nicole Courtemanche, Project Manager at 401-831-8099 x230.

Attached is a list of the 22 businesses and facilities in RI that are currently serving as License Vendors. The list continues to grow, and as it does, updates are posted on the website for the license program: www.saltwater.ri.gov.

We look forward to continuing to expand the number of vendors to help maximize the convenience of the license program for the thousands of residents and visitors who fish recreationally in Rhode Island's marine waters.